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Title: Need to roll back the hike in application fees for UGC/CSIR-NET-JRF examination.

SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS (WAYANAD): Madam Speaker, I would like to raise a very important matter with regard to the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research and the University Grants Commission. These institutes have increased the fees for the National Eligibility Tests by 150 per cent to 200 per cent. Here is the Government which is giving many concessions to the corporates but with respect of students belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the fees have been increased by more than 150 per cent. Last year, the fees were like Rs. 400, Rs. 200 and Rs. 100 respectively and now, it has been increased to Rs. 1000, Rs. 500 and Rs. 250 respectively. If this is the way the Government is functioning, then how can poor students afford to appear in examinations?

So, I urge upon the Government to withdraw the hike in the fees for the National Eligibility Test and give concessions to the Backward Classes, OBCs, minorities and SCs and STs.

HON. SPEAKER:

Shri M.B. Rajesh is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri M.I. Shahnvas.

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